



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Minutes

December 3, 2001, 6:30pm
City Council Chambers

Members

Present: Tom Martin, David McNiel, Arthur Bos, Manuel Carrasco, Brenda Flowers, Rosie Francisco, Nancy Hart, John Garcia, Dana Kruckenberg, Richard Burns, Paul Fick, Phil Abraham, Ed Adkison

Excused: John Strzelewicz, Barbara Brown

Absent: Bob Holstein, Ernie Hautala, Jaime Hurtado, Marie Leggette, Bruce Kulpa

Guests: Meghan Tiernan, Dangermond Group

Staff: Eva Webster, Office of Neighborhoods; Martha Matus, Office of Neighborhoods

1. Welcome/Self-Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carrasco at 6:39 pm. Self-introductions followed.

2. Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2001

Motion was made and carried for approval of minutes.
(Martin/Bos/carried)

3. Reports from Subcommittees

A. Bylaws subcommittee – Manuel Carrasco gave an update as to amendments to the bylaws as recommended by the committee. Discussion was had as to the suggestion that provision be made in the bylaws to declare vacancies on the board when members are absent three times in a row or four times in a 12-month period. It was decided to table the absentee issues for six months. Motion made and carried to approve the bylaws as presented. (McNiel/Fick/carried)

Mr. Carrasco requested staff to add a “public comment” item to the agenda with a three-minute time consideration per public comment.

B. Neighborhood Conference – Eva Webster reported that the conference subcommittee met on November 30th. The RNP will be moving ahead with the conference in June or July of 2002.

A ballot of suggested conference seminar items was distributed for input from members. At the January meeting, Ms. Webster will provide a list of suggested subcommittees and subcommittee responsibilities for the board to commit themselves to. Mr. Carrasco stressed the importance of the board taking primary responsibility for planning and implementing the conference with support from Office of Neighborhoods staff.

4. Board Membership Vacancies

Discussion was lead my Mr. Carrasco and ideas solicited on how to fill vacancies. Mr. Adkison suggested that membership outreach could be done by approaching individuals and neighborhoods that received awards at the November 17 Neighborhood Awards Ceremony and also board and commission applicants. Staff was asked to confer with ICUC on a replacement for Mr. Holstein. Mr. Fick commented that as the bylaws read currently, RNP cannot “declare vacancies” on the board due to absences but rather members could be asked to resign if they are no longer able to serve. No action taken.

5. Dangermond Group

Meghan Tiernan of the Dangermond group gave an update as to the progress being made on their work to update the Park and Recreation open space element to the general plan and also presented the workshop schedule for the five community workshops early next year.

6. Future agenda items

Suggested future agenda items include: Neighborhood Conference, election of First Vice Chair, Neighborhood Matching Grant update by Tom Martin.

7. Other business

- David McNiel reported on the success of the Mayor's Annual State of the Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Awards Ceremony.
- John Garcia announced the Casa Blanca CAG annual Christmas Party being held December 12, 7:00 p.m., Villegas Park.

8. Next Meeting: January 7, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. City Council Chambers

9. Adjournment

Meeting notes prepared by the Office of Neighborhoods